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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 174440

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CASC, CT, US

SUBJECT: DETENTION OF WESTERN JOURNALISTS

REF: BANGUI 1549

1. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE IT USEFUL TO ENGAGE GOCAE  
IN OFFICIAL DIALOGUE CONCERNING OUR RELATIONS WITH  
BRITISH NOR ABOUT CONTENTS OF OFFICIAL USG COMMUNICATIONS.  
THUS NOTE AS SUGGESTED PARA 7 REFTEL IS NOT REPEAT NOT  
APPROVED. SHOULD GOCAE PRESS FOR RESPONSE REGARDING LAND-  
ING CLEARANCE, YOU SHOULD STATE THAT REQUEST HAS BEEN  
REFERRED TO WASHINGTON FOR CLARIFICATION AND RESPONSE NOT  
YET RECEIVED. PLEASE ADVISE US OF ANY FOLLOW-UP REQUESTS.

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2. FOREIGN MINISTER WILL, WE ASSUME, RAISE ISSUE OF LAND-  
ING CLEARANCE WITH PRINCE. HE SHOULD CONFIRM FACTS AS  
REPORTED REFTEL, I.E. SPECIFIC CLEARANCE NOT RECEIVED  
FROM US EMBASSY AND DECISION TO FLY WAS BRITISH.

3. FURTHER PUBLIC AND OFFICIAL EFFORTS ON YOUR PART TO  
OBTAIN GOLDSMITH'S RELEASE NOT REPEAT NOT DESIRABLE.

ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE CONFINED TO SUPPORT FOR PRINCE.  
IN EVENT PRINCE'S CURRENT EFFORTS UNSUCCESSFUL AND HE MUST  
RETURN TO DOUALA, DEPARTMENT RELUCTANT TO SUPPORT PROPOSAL  
THAT YOU REPRESENT BRITISH EVEN ON INFORMAL INTERIM BASIS.

IF SUCH A SITUATION ARISES, WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR  
COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION.

4. DEPARTMENT SUGGESTED TO AP THAT IT SEND TELEGRAM  
DIRECTLY TO BOKASSA CONFIRMING GOLDSMITH'S EMPLOYMENT,  
STATING CONCERN FOR HIS WELFARE, INDICATING UNDERSTAND-  
ING AND REGRET THAT HE MAY HAVE VIOLATED CAE LA, AS  
EMPLOYER ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIS ACTION AND OFFER  
TO PAY FINES AS REQUIRED, AND TO REQUEST EMPEROR'S  
MAGNANIMITY IN HASTENING RESOLUTION OF ISSUE. VANCE

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